



Comparative – Relationships
English Past Exam Questions
Ordinary Level

2011

Paper 2 – Section 2 – Question B

B RELATIONSHIPS

1. 'A reader's interest is often captured by a difficult relationship in a text.'
- (a) Write about a difficult relationship in **one** of the three texts you have studied for your comparative course. Explain why this difficult relationship captured your interest. (30)
- (b) Write about a relationship from another text on your comparative course. Was this relationship, in your opinion, more **or** less difficult than the one you described in 1.(a) above? Explain your answer. Remember to refer to both relationships in the course of your answer. (40)

OR

2. 'Significant changes in relationships between characters can be captured in key moments.'
- (a) (i) Use a key moment to illustrate a significant change that occurs in an important relationship in **one** of the three texts that you studied for your comparative course. (15)
- (ii) From a different text that you studied for your comparative course, use a key moment to illustrate a significant change that occurs in an important relationship in that text. (15)
- (b) Compare and contrast the two changed relationships that you have written about above. Remember to refer to both relationships in the course of your answer. (40)

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A RELATIONSHIPS

1. (a) “Relationships can be very complicated.”
Describe a relationship which you have studied in one of the texts on your comparative course, and explain why you found it to be complicated. (30)
- (b) Choose a relationship from another text on your comparative course and explain why you found this relationship more **or** less complicated than the one you described in (a).
Remember to refer to both relationships in the course of your answer. (40)

OR

2. (a) Briefly describe a relationship from each of **two** of the three texts you have studied on your comparative course. (30)
- (b) Explain why you think one of the relationships you described in (a) is more successful than the other.
Remember to refer to both relationships in the course of your answer. (40)

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A RELATIONSHIPS

1. (a) Name a text that you have studied for your comparative course. Give a brief description of **one** relationship in the text, that you feel is interesting. (30)

(b) Compare the relationship that you have already described in part (a) above with a relationship from another text. Refer to each text to support the points that you are making. (40)

OR

2. (a) “Relationships can fail as well as succeed.”

From one of the texts that you studied for your comparative course, describe a relationship that, in your view, was either a success or a failure. Explain your answer. (30)

(b) Compare a relationship from a second text you have studied in your comparative course with the relationship you have chosen in (a) above. In the course of your answer, you must deal with **both** relationships. Support your answer by references to the texts. (40)